

Birmingham whose mothers lay them down to sleep on the floor each night to shelter them from stray bullets.

If they want to be human shields, I say let them shield the men and women of honesty and integrity who epitomize courage and embody the spirit of freedom by wearing the proud uniforms of the United States Military. Those are the people who have earned and deserve shielding.

Throughout the course of history, this country has remained free, not because of movie stars and liberal activists but because of brave men and women who hated war too—but lay down their lives so that we all may live in freedom. After all—What greater love hath no man, that he lay down his life for his friend," but in this case a country.

We should give our military honor and acknowledgement and not let their lives be in vain. If you want to see true human shields, walk through Arlington Cemetery. There lie human shields, heroes, and the BRAVE Americans who didn't get on television and talk about being human shields, they were human shields.

I thank God tonight for freedom—those who bought and paid for it with their lives in the past—those who will protect it in the present and defend it in the future.

America has remained silent too long. God-fearing people have remained silent too long.

We must lift our voices united in a humble prayer to God for guidance and the strength and courage to sustain us throughout whatever the future may hold.

After the tragic events of Sept. 11th, my then eleven-year-old son said terrorism is a war against us and them and if you're not one of us, then you're one of them.

So in closing tonight, let us be of one accord, let us stand proud, and let us be the human shields of prayer, encouragement and support for the President, our troops and their families and our country.

May God bless America, the land of the free, the home of the brave and the greatest country on the face of this earth!

HONORING RUTH GRIFFIN

HON. JEB BRADLEY

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Honorable Ruth Griffin upon receiving the first annual 2003 Lifetime of Service Award from City Year New Hampshire.

This award is given in recognition of New Hampshire citizens who have committed themselves to making a difference in their neighborhood, city, and state. Ruth's thirty years of public service are a testament to her love of New Hampshire and her desire to make it an even better place to live.

Ruth claims her greatest joy in life is service to others, and she remains committed to this adage by participating in numerous community service events and programs, along with performing her civic duties as an elected official. It is clear she has lived up to this motto through her work with the Portsmouth Housing Authority Commission and the Portsmouth Board of Education. She extended her service beyond the Seacoast to all of New Hampshire by serving as a State Representative and State Senator, and she currently serves as an Executive Councilor. She is also a long-standing supporter of law enforcement, as evi-

denced by her lifetime membership in the 100 Club of New Hampshire and her past tenure on the Portsmouth Police Commission. Ruth gives one hundred percent of her time and efforts to bettering the lives of those less fortunate. She is a role model for the concepts of citizenship, teamwork, and appreciation of difference, the ideals on which City Year is based.

Ruth is a shining example of what good citizenship is all about. She has raised the bar for those who want to be public servants. I am proud to represent such an outstanding citizen and community leader in the United States House of Representatives.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bipartisan bill that would establish a program for transitional housing assistance for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Passage of this legislation is long overdue, as thousands of women and their children continue to suffer at the hands of their abusers simply because they have no where else to go.

I am proud to be joined in this effort by my colleague from the other body, Senator PATRICK LEAHY, who is introducing identical legislation today. I would also like to commend the 25 bipartisan cosponsors who have joined me in seeking relief and assistance for abused women and children. No time is more appropriate than the present to introduce a bill that seeks to help those who have suffered violence in their personal lives and in their homes.

Senator LEAHY and I recognize and understand the complex issues facing women and their children who want nothing more than a safe and secure home. Transitional housing is often the link between emergency housing and a victim's ability to become self-sufficient. This bill opens the doors to new opportunities for survivors because, in addition to a roof and a bed, transitional housing programs also offer supportive services, such as counseling, job training, access to education, and child care. These tools are critical to allowing women to get back on their feet and to be able to support their children in a home that is free from violence.

This bill would authorize \$30 million for each fiscal year from 2004 through 2008. The program would be added to the Violence Against Women Act and would be funded through the Violence Against Women Office in the Department of Justice. With 50% of homeless women on the streets because of domestic violence, it is critical that we address the unique needs of this large and vulnerable population. The Violence Against Women Office has the unique understanding and ability to help these women and children.

It is now essential that we not only pass this legislation but also appropriate \$30 million for transitional housing assistance and provide this critically needed safety net for women seeking to escape abuse. The women and children of this country deserve nothing less.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF DONNELL D. ETZWILER, M.D.

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and achievements of Donnell D. Etzwiler, M.D.

My home state of Minnesota lost a true hero for people with diabetes on April 6 when Dr. Etzwiler passed away, but his legacy lives on. Dr. Etzwiler touched countless lives with his commitment to improving the quality of care for Americans with diabetes.

A graduate of Yale University School of Medicine, Dr. Etzwiler served for four decades as a pediatrician specializing in diabetes care at the Park Nicollet Clinic in Minneapolis. He is perhaps best known as the founder of the International Diabetes Center (IDC) in Minnesota, where he served as President and Chief Medical Officer until 1996. The mission of the IDC is to ensure every person with diabetes or even at risk of developing diabetes receives the best possible care.

Throughout Dr. Etzwiler's three decades of leadership, the IDC delivered on that promise. The IDC has trained over 20,000 health professionals, including hundreds from countries such as Brazil, Mexico, Japan, Poland and Russia. Because of his dedication to the children he cared for, the IDC organized and hosted the First International Symposium on Diabetes Camps in 1974. This important group helped establish standards and accreditation for diabetes camp programs.

In 1976 and 1977, Dr. Etzwiler served as President of the American Diabetes Association. Later, he spent over twelve years as a Principal Investigator for the Diabetes Control and Complications Trial at the National Institutes of Health. This groundbreaking study demonstrated that keeping blood glucose levels as close to normal as possible in people with diabetes slows the onset and progression of complications like eye, kidney and nerve disease.

Dr. Etzwiler's commitment to improving diabetes care transcended national boundaries. He served as Chairman of the Diabetes Collaborating Centers for the World Health Organization. The Russian government officially recognized his work by awarding Dr. Etzwiler a Peace Award for co-founding and co-directing the International Diabetes Programme in Russia.

Most recently, Dr. Etzwiler received the National Institute of Health Policy's Health Care Leadership Award for his outstanding record of service.

As if all these landmark accomplishments were not enough to occupy his time, Dr. Etzwiler was also heavily involved in professional medical associations, serving in many leadership positions. He was a member of the Institute of Medicine. He received over 30 honors and awards from professional and civic organizations. He was a professor of medicine for over 40 years and published over 200 articles and abstracts about diabetes care.

Dr. Etzwiler's commitment and compassion has literally saved and improved the lives of countless people across the globe, especially

children with diabetes. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the millions of Americans with diabetes and their friends and family, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Donnell D. Etzwiler.

HONORING THE WOODIS FAMILY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Woodis family of Montrose, Colorado for their willingness to dedicate their time and energy to benefit the disabled. The Woodis family is raising a puppy to be a companion dog for a person with a physical disability, and today I would like to pay tribute to their efforts before this body of Congress and this nation.

Sons Jeff and Ethan Woodis have raised pigs for their 4-H club, so when the club required a community service project, they turned to Canine Companions, an organization founded in 1975 to provide dogs trained to help disabled people achieve greater independence. Airlie, a female Black Labrador retriever, came to Montrose to live with the Woodis family and to learn thirty basic commands to help her prepare for life as a companion dog. After the initial training, Airlie will go to California for six months of advanced training before graduation. Then, the Woodis family will hand Airlie's leash to her new owner. Raising Airlie has been a community-wide effort, with help coming from numerous local organizations and businesses.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to recognize the Woodis family for their contributions to the quality of life of disabled Americans. By helping to raise and train Airlie, the Woodis family is helping to provide increased independence and freedom, as well as a loving companion, for a disabled American. I thank them for their efforts.

HONORING MASTER SGT. ROBERT J. DOWDY

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor an American hero, Robert Dowdy, who lost his life during the conflict with Iraq. Master Sgt. Robert J. Dowdy, 38, was a native of Cleveland and a member of the 507th Maintenance Company of Fort Bliss, Texas.

First Sergeant Robert Dowdy was a loving son and devoted husband. A passionate distance runner, Robert placed second in a 10-kilometer run in el Paso, Texas, 2 years ago and contended in a 20-kilometer foot race over a mountain there in 1999.

Robert Dowdy had been in the Army for 18 years and was 2 years from retirement. His older sibling, Jack Dowdy expressed on his brother's behalf that Robert Dowdy had been looking forward to retirement to spend more time with his wife and 14-year-old daughter.

On behalf of the people of the 11th Congressional District and the United States Congress, I extend my heartfelt sympathy.

TRIBUTE TO MARY LU AFT

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Mary Lu Aft, a friend and distinguished constituent, who has enriched the lives of countless individuals in the Cincinnati area. On April 25, 2003, Mary Lu will complete an unprecedented fifth and final term as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Friends of the Public Library.

Friends of the Public Library is an organization that raises funds for materials, programs and services that support the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. The Public Library system has a circulation of 12.8 million books, videos and other materials, and is the fourth busiest library system in the country.

Mary Lu is an invaluable part of the Cincinnati community. Since 1998, she has served as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Friends of the Public Library, and, since 1989, has also served as its Chair of Book Sales. Over the years, Mary Lu has been integral to the success of "Friends." During her service, she oversaw and coordinated used book, warehouse, and branch sales, which have raised over \$1.6 million for the Public Library programs and purchases. Mary Lu also planned and coordinated the recycling of over 3 million books, which were donated to "Friends" or retired from the Library's circulation. Her leadership and hard work have made the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County a national model for such initiatives, and, of course, have been a tremendous benefit to those in the Cincinnati area.

Mary Lu also has been active with a number of other good causes and organizations. Since 1981, she has served as a consultant to the American Red Cross, and she continues to give her time and energy to the United Way of America. Among her other activities, Mary Lu is the Co-Chair of the 2003 International Conference of Volunteer Administrators.

Mary Lu's success has not gone unnoticed. She received the Great Rivers Girl Scout Council Woman of Distinction award in 2000 and the Cincinnati Enquirer's Woman of the Year award in 1999.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing Mary Lu's many accomplishments as she steps down as Chair of the Board of Trustees of Friends of the Public Library on April 25, 2003. I know Mary Lu will continue to make a difference in our community and Nation. All of us in Southwestern Ohio wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MILLIE BEALL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Millie Beall of Steamboat Springs, Colorado for her extraordinary service to her community. Millie has long been recognized as a leader in Steamboat Springs, and today I would like to acknowledge her accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Millie moved to Steamboat Springs in 1971 for the ski season and never left. Since then she has served on the Steamboat Springs School Board for eight years, including four as its president, and another eight years as a member of the Routt County Education Foundation. Among many other activities, Millie has been involved with the El Pomar Youth in Community Service program, the Community Committee for the Arts, and the Yampa Valley Community Foundation, and the Northwest Colorado Philanthropy Days. She currently serves as the executive director of Routt County United Way and works to raise funds for a wide variety of projects. Spending most of her career in community service, Millie has received numerous awards, most recently receiving recognition from the Steamboat Ski and Resort Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to recognize Millie Beall for her outstanding commitment to her community. Millie holds a key leadership role in Steamboat Springs, and her community is immeasurably better off because of her efforts. I wish Millie the best in all of her future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO COL. DAVID PERKINS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the many brave U.S. soldiers selflessly participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Col. David Perkins of Keene, New Hampshire, a community I represent in Congress, is the commander of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 3rd Infantry Division. Col. Perkins led what has been referred to as the opening maneuver of the amazingly swift push of coalition forces into Baghdad.

On March 31, 2003, in a feat designed to draw the Iraqi Republican Guard away from Musayyib, where the division was to cross the Euphrates River, Col. Perkins focused attention on a bridge at Hindiyah, 50 miles south of Baghdad. The Granite Stater was reportedly "unfazed by Iraqi soldiers shooting at him" from the other side of the river as he told his men the bridge was not worth taking.

Col. Perkins then led a contingent of his men to the town's abandoned Baath party headquarters, where they destroyed a large weapons cache. In an historic event, just 4 days later, Col. Perkins' combat team and other brigades rolled through the streets of Baghdad.